

# Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

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## *Not your average market place*

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Whether a tourist on vacation or military member, everyone wants something to remind them of all the places they have traveled.

On Oahu there are many places to pick up items that will do just that, but one of the biggest and most famous locations is the International Market Place, located in the middle of Waikiki.

"The market place has been here forever and is a big attraction," said Justin Hwang, candle maker, International Market Place. "A lot of tourists come here so they can bring little gifts back to their friends."

The market place has more than 130 carts, shops, and art stands where people can roam around and pick out what they're looking for.

"The history of the market actually dates back to – I think – the 50s," said Hwang.

It was Donn Beach, an entrepreneur, who announced, on January 16, 1955, that there was to be a new use for the area known as Ka-lua-O-kau. The area was to have a new Hawaiian village built and named the International Market Place.

The market place was originally designed to encompass 14 acres of the Queen Emma Estate, which included land between the Waikiki Theater and the Princess Kaiulani Hotel and extend from Kalakaua to Kuhio avenues.

Intended to catch the tourist's eye, the market place reflected the early awareness of the fact that cultural tourism required a creative vision.

Over the last 100 years, the International Market Place has undergone many changes. Today, the market place is a busy shopping village that is shaded by its historic banyan tree.

"A lot of people come here thinking the market place is just something Hawaiians throw together overnight to gain a buck or two," said Gary Louis, market place employee. "They don't realize the history behind it and how it came to be what it is today."

Christopher L. Johnston, an architect visiting from the mainland, said this was the first time he and his family have been to Hawaii, but the market place was one of the first places they visited.

"It's just in a great location, with a lot of interesting stuff," said Johnston, a San Clemente, Calif. native. "My wife and daughter have spent most of the time we've been in Hawaii in the market place. Every day they show me something they've bought at the market place to bring home to their friends."

Johnston said that going to the market to pick up souvenirs is a good thing because visiting Hawaii is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for some people.

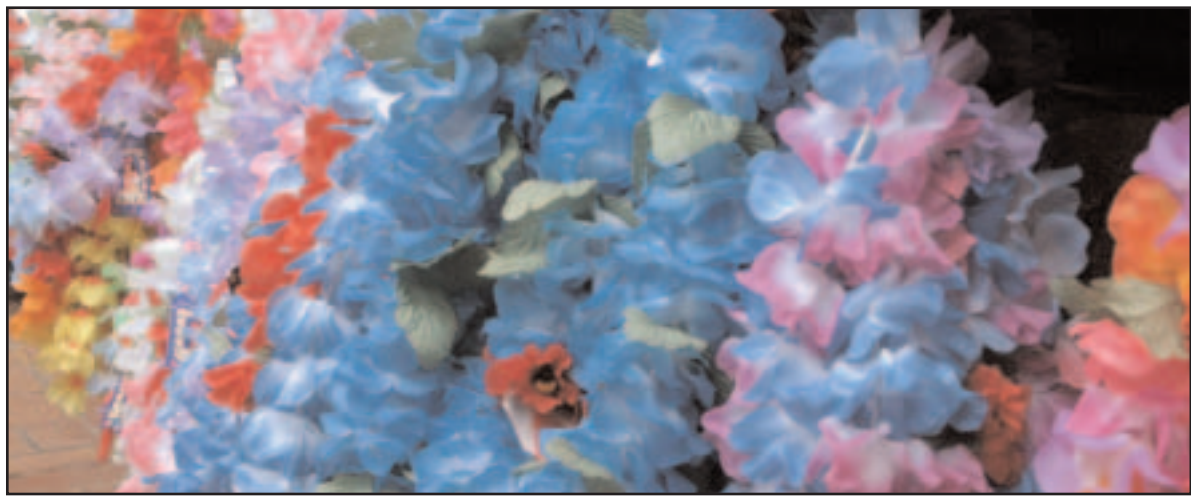
"When you come to Hawaii, you definitely go to the market place and pick up some sort of souvenir and take some pictures," he said. "because who knows when you'll get that chance again."



Justin Hwang, a candle maker at International Market Place, makes a decorative candle for a customer at his kiosk.



Decorative candles with cartoon figures sit on shelves at the International Market Place, Waikiki. The market offers a diverse shopping opportunity for locals and visitors.



Bright, multi-colored silk flower leis adorn the side of a display table at the International Market Place, Waikiki.



Hand-drawn paintings by local artists cover a display at one of the stands in the International Market Place, Waikiki.



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**Live entertainment tonight** featuring the alternative rock band Analog, starting at 10 p.m.

**Mondays are NTN Trivia nights**, where you can win prizes for those useless factoids. Play against patrons of Sports Bars from around the world and on the last Monday of each month, play for a golf bag.

**Hot Country Nights** are featured every Wednesday starting at 8 p.m. This week, tip your hats to Dita Holifield and Red Handed.

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**Mother’s Day Brunch** is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a wide selection of hot and cold entrées especially chosen for mom. Indulge in assorted desserts and beverages. Reservations are required.

**Membership Appreciation Night** is the third Wednesday in March at the club. This free, members-only event will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Rocker Room. Not a member? Join at the door.

**Pub Night at the Pub with No Name** is from 6 to 9 p.m. every Friday, Wednesday and Thursday. Drop by for some tasty, fast and inexpensive treats.

**Pay Day Lunch Buffet** is next Friday. The all-you-can-eat buffet boasts an array of main dishes, salads and side choices. While you’re there, fill out a patronage survey and let your voice be heard.

The Officers’ Club  
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**Sunday features Mother’s Day Brunch** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Treat your mom to a selection of cold and hot menus especially designed to please her. The feast includes award-winning south of the border ahi poke, create-your-own omelette station, Belgian waffles, and pancakes with assorted flavored butter. Reservations are required.

All Hands

**MCBH Job Fair.** Today’s event is free and open to all DoD personnel and family members who are seeking employment and other opportunities. The event will be at Kahuna’s Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 257-7790 for more information.

**Marriage Enrichment Training/CREDO** at the MCCS Cabanas starts today at 5:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at noon. This 48-hour retreat gives couples the opportunity to make good marriages even better. Call 257-1919 for more information.

**Transition Assistance Program Seminar** will be held Monday through Thursday at Building 279, 2nd floor, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. The seminar is open to all hands who are within one year of separation. Call 257-7790 for more information.

**Tuesday’s Parenting Proudly class** provides the military community with information on improving parenting skills and disciplining techniques. The two-hour class begins at 10 a.m. in Building. 216, Room 71. Reservations are required. Call 257-8803 for more information.

**L.I.N.K.S. Training** — Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills is a class for spouses new to the island or the military lifestyle. This two-day session will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., daily, at the L.I.N.K.S. House, Building 3074. Call 257-7777 for more information.

Ongoing

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Display** is on display now through May 15 at the Base Library in celebration of Asian American/Pacific Islander month. Call 254-7624.

White House report outlines roles in flu pandemic response



Air Force Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

A service member gives himself a good hand washing. Good hand-washing techniques are said to be the best measure in the prevention of not only the Avian Flu but other diseases and illnesses as well.

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — If a flu pandemic hit the United States, the Defense Department's top priority would be to protect the military's operational readiness so it can play a supporting role to the Homeland Security and State departments, as outlined in a national response plan released today by the White House.

The 227-page Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza provides a road map for marshaling the response, detailing roles and responsibilities for federal departments and agencies. It also sets expectations for state and local governments and nonfederal entities.

The plan includes more than 300 critical actions, many already initiated, to address the avian and pandemic flu threat, Frances Townsend, the president's Department of Homeland Security adviser, told reporters today.

"I should make it clear from the outset that we do not know whether the bird virus we are seeing overseas will ever become a human virus, and we cannot predict whether a human virus will lead to a pandemic," Townsend

said. She noted that the H5N1 virus has infected just 205 people to date, killing 113 of those infected. "However, it is possible that if the virus undergoes genetic changes, it could signal the start of a human epidemic," she said.

And in the event that it does, Townsend said it's critical that people understand and prepare for the worst-case scenario.

Planning for such a scenario helps ensure a coordinated response to prevent or slow the infection's spread and helps "take the fear out of it so there's not chaos," she said.

Should a pandemic such as the H5N1 bird flu hit the United States, DoD would support the Department of Homeland Security in domestic preparedness and response, consistent with its U.S. national security mission, defense officials said. At the same time, the department would support the State Department in addressing the crisis internationally.

But the department's top priority would be to protect the military's operational readiness by taking care of military forces, civilian personnel, dependents and beneficiaries, according to Air Force Col. Richard Chavez, senior

military adviser for civil support.

To ensure it's able to do that, DoD has established stockpiles of vaccines to keep service members healthy and able to protect the country. This stockpile includes about 2.7 million doses of H5N1 avian influence vaccine and 2.4 million treatment courses of antivirals.

The department is also developing systems for inpatient and outpatient disease surveillance at its institutions worldwide, according to Ellen Embrey, deputy assistant secretary for health protection and readiness.

Protecting the force and maintaining essential functions and services would ensure the military is able to use its people and resources to support the overall response, Chavez said.

For example, military planes might be requested to transport critical resources, officials said. The department's medical surveillance and laboratory testing facil-

ities could be tapped. Military forces might be asked to provide security as pharmaceuticals are transported and distributed. Military medical staffs might provide critical patient care. National Guard troops would likely help keep the peace.

Recognizing their potential role, U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Pacific Command have already sponsored pandemic influence response exercises, Chavez said.

In his preface to the plan, President Bush said a U.S. response to a flu pandemic will require the participation and coordination of all levels of government and segments and society.

Bush wrote, "Our nation will face this global threat united in purpose and united in action in order to best protect our families, our communities, our nation and our world from the threat of pandemic influenza."



Air Force Tech. Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez

Lee Noel studies influenza strain samples. Noel is a technician at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health virology laboratory.

Never forget



Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland

Holocaust survivor, Jack Adler, speaks to attendees during a Days of Remembrance luncheon held at Anderson Hall Dining Facility here, May 2. Adler was born in Pabianice, Poland, in 1929 and lived under Nazi rule from the age of 10 to 16. In 1945, Americans liberated Camp Dachau. He was the only member of his immediate family to survive the Nazi death camp. He came to America and lived in Chicago, Ill., until 1985, then he moved to Denver, Col., where he began sharing his story. Adler said he believes the best way to fight ignorance is with education, so he attends speaking engagements throughout the year.

MOVIE TIME

**Prices:** For Friday and Saturday shows at 7:15, prices are \$3 for adults, 12 and older; \$1.50 for children 6 to 11. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Prices for Sunday, Wednesday shows at 6:30 and Friday and Saturday shows at 9:45 are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Show your ID card when purchasing tickets. Entry is free for children 5 and younger.

**Sneak Preview Policy:** One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Inside Man (R)  
V for Vendetta (R)  
The Shaggy Dog (PG)  
She's the Man(PG-13)  
The Shaggy Dog (PG)  
She's the Man (PG-13)  
The Hills Have Eyes (R)  
Ice Age 2: The Meltdown (PG)  
Stay Alive (PG-13)

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# Corporal follows in uncle's footsteps

**Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson**

*Combat Correspondent*

For some Marines there is an event or period of time that sticks out in their mind as the highlight of their career, but for others, wearing the title of U.S. Marine is enough of a highlight.

Corporal Brandon L. Allomong, currently serving as base inspector administration clerk, here, said that being a Marine has been pretty satisfying.

"It's been a dream to be in the Marine Corps since I was in seventh grade," admitted Allomong. "My uncle was in the Marines and was stationed at New River, so I sort of followed in his footsteps."

Allomong said he comes from a close-knit family. He also said that father was very strict and always kept him and his sister in line.

"I had a fun but a hard time growing up, because my dad was a stickler for discipline," said the Pioneer, Ohio native. "We were always pushed to be on the honor roll in high school and to be ambitious at whatever we did."

Allomong's parents were very supportive of his decision to enlist and pushed him to be the best he could be.

"My father always wanted to be a Marine, but didn't think it would be a good choice because he was married and had a daughter," said the North Central High School graduate.

June 23, 2003, is when Allomong arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., where the transformation from civilian to Marine took place. After Marine Combat Training and his Military Occupational Specialty School, he checked into Marine Air Logistics Squadron-24, here, in March 2004.

My workday usually consisted of the Marines checking the tools to make sure they're all there and in good working condition, recalled the 22-year-old of his job at MALS-24.

After that process is completed, he would then be assigned to work on engine compo-

nents.

"As a corporal, you're considered a leader to Marines and you have to counsel them and just find out general information about what's going on in their life on top of your regular job," explained. Allomong, who said that being in a leadership position, changed his perspective of the Marine Corps in certain ways.

"You see a lot as a lance corporal and below, but as an NCO (noncommissioned officer) you get to see what really happens," said Allomong. "You have to be aware of everything dealing with yourself and all of your Marines."

Obtaining his airframe and power plant license is something he said that he wants to achieve while he's in the service.

"I'm going to use the Marine Corps as a stepping stone to help me prepare for the future so I can provide a good household for my family," said Allomong. "Picking up corporal was nice, and now I'm going to strive to pick up sergeant – meritoriously. I want to see as much rank as I can while I'm in the Marines."

Allomong recently transferred from MALS-24 the Base Inspector's Office where he will be assigned for approximately nine months – hoping then to return to his unit and deploy to Iraq. But, he also said that if that doesn't happen, he'd take in stride.

"Even though I haven't deployed I still have enjoyed my time in the Marines," Allomong said. "I've had good and bad times, you just got to take what is thrown at you."

Allomong said he is unsure if he will continue his current career, but said the Marine Corps has definitely helped him and is a step in the right direction.

"I've already gotten job offers, but am looking at being a civil service worker or U.S. Marshal in Oklahoma City," said Allomong.

"But no matter what I do, I'll always remember the main thing I learned during my time in the Marines – that no matter how bad things get, always strive to succeed for the best."



Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson

Lieutenant Col. Loren D. Barney (left) and Cpl Brandon L. Allomong display Allomong's Corporal's Course completion certificates. Allomong is currently assigned to the Base Inspector's Office.

# Petty Officer lives her dreams

**Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson**

*Combat Correspondent*

Children have numerous hopes and dreams of what they will become as adults. Through the years, those thoughts and dreams usually change a few times, but for one Sailor, childhood dreams remained true.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Anna Rhees, aviation electronic technician and microminature electronic repairman, Special Project Patrol Squadron 9, said the Navy had always been in her plans.

"I always wanted to be a pilot. Since I was a little girl, it's really all I wanted to do," said the David Crockett High School, Jonesborough, Tenn. graduate. "Then I grew up and still had those dreams, so in my senior year, I talked to my recruiter and he told me about the Navy aviation program, and I knew it was for me. Also, I thought it would be a good career move – especially since I love planes."

Rhees enlisted into the Navy in May 2002 with dreams of someday becoming a helicopter pilot.

"When I told my parents that I was enlisting, my mom was screaming and was so happy for me because she always wanted to join the Navy but wasn't allowed," said Rhees. "My dad, on the other hand, was happy, but I think that was more because he thought it would help me grow and mature."

After Rhees completed basic training, she attended her Navy specialty school in Pensacola, Fla., and checked into VPU-2 in June 2003.

"My job is pretty much a lot of trouble shooting and fixing electronics on the P3C (patrol) aircraft," said the 21-year-old. "I'm also in charge of the VPU-2 color guard and spend a lot of time working with that."

"It's cool being in a leadership position, especially of the color guard, because it makes me see the traditions of the Navy a little more."

Rhees is currently enrolled at Hawaii Pacific University and is working toward a degree in marketing.

"My goal when I joined the Navy was to do the Seaman to Admiral program and become an officer, but things didn't work out," said the Las Vegas native. "Now I'm trying to get as much college as I can out of the way and then decide what exactly I want to do with my life. I think the Navy is an awesome career choice, but I'm going to do all I can to eventually be a pilot."

According to Rhees, she isn't 100 percent sure what the future holds for her, but she has ideas.

"My long-term and most realistic goal that I can see happening is finishing my enlistment and attending college and finally earning my degree," said Rhees. "After that, who knows? I'd like to think that I'll eventually attend OCS (Officer Candidate School) and maybe become a helicopter pilot for the Army or the Navy."

Rhees said that she has had a lot of good times since joining the Navy.

"The four years I've spent in the Navy have been pretty interesting and exciting," said Rhees. "Now I just want to take the next step and see what else there is to offer out there. I know being in the Navy will open a lot of doors for me, so who knows where I'll end up."



Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson

Petty Officer 3rd Class Anna Rhees, aviation electronic technician and microminature electronic repairman, Special Project Patrol Squadron 9, here, pauses to pose for a photograph outside Hanger 105, here. Rhees said that she has wanted to be a Navy pilot ever since she was a little girl and still holds strong to that dream.

# Marine takes headshot and walks away

**Cpl. Brian Reimers**

*1st Marine Division*

**FALLUJAH, Iraq** — If anyone was proud to be labeled hardheaded, it's Pfc. Fred M. Linck. The 19-year-old from Westbrook, Conn., took an enemy shot to the head and walked away with little more than a sore noggin and a white bandage.

Linck, a Marine assigned to 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, was struck by a single enemy bullet May 5.

"It seemed like just another day in the city of Fallujah," Linck said, an infantryman assigned to C Company. "But everything changed for me that day."

The young Marine just got off of a security post and was tasked to be part of a reaction force. The force was gearing up to respond to a call for help in the city.

"We got some intelligence stating that there was a possible improvised explosive device on the corner of the main street in Fallujah," Linck said. "My team of Marines reacted to the call and showed up to the site. We immediately dismounted our vehicles and set up a cordon of the area."

Some of the other men in the team didn't want to believe that it was a normal mission for them, in fact, they had planned on it being much more than that.

"Something told me that this was going to be a set up, a pretty usual tactic for the insurgents to use

against us," said Lance Cpl. Randon O. Hogen, a fellow infantrymen and member of Linck's fire team.

Hogen's gut instincts were right. Somewhere in the shadows of the concrete buildings, an insurgent was waiting for the Marines to come into his view.

"I was running back across the street after we had confirmed that the IED we responded to was in fact not one, when I heard the shot," said Lance Cpl. Kelvin J. Grisales, fire team leader and Linck's friend.

A single shot cracked through the air. Everyone jolted and not even Linck, who was hit, knew what happened.

"After the shot rang out, I remember hearing someone screaming 'Man down, Man down,'" Linck said. "I realized a second later that man was me. I was on the ground."

It took a couple seconds for everything to appear clear to Linck. The sounds of Marines calling for help weren't for anyone but him, but he was ready to get up and fight.

"I was pretty scared when I realized that I had just taken a round to the head, but the scariest part was that I was thinking about it and I felt fine," said Linck, who has only served with the battalion for a few months. "It felt as if I had fallen and hit my head, that's it."

The rest of his team did not know his status. They didn't take chances and followed their training, evacuating him out of the area.

"When we picked him up, he grabbed my hand and told me that

he was pretty nervous," said 22-year-old Grisales, from Hartford, Conn. "All I could do was to try to reassure him that he would be alright, at the same time I was trying to do the same for myself."

Linck was transferred directly from the battlefield to the nearest hospital where he was treated and released without even a stitch in his head.

The issued helmet he wore stopped the majority of the round from penetrating. A small piece of fragmentation from the round pierced through the headband inside of the helmet, causing a small laceration on his forehead.

"It was such a relief for us when we pulled up to the hospital and we found out that he was okay," Grisales said.

"I thank God that it happened the way that it did," Hogen added.

Linck doesn't discount divine intervention or luck, but said he trusts his gear more now than ever.

"I know for sure that if it wasn't for that helmet, I wouldn't be standing here right now," Linck said. "It pays to wear all the gear the way it is supposed to be worn."

"It is one thing to hear about what our gear is capable of, but this just makes it a reality," Hogen said. "It did exactly what it was supposed to do."

Linck's since returned to duty with a new outlook on life.

"It is kind of like a second lease of life," he said. "I want to make sure I do everything right."



Cpl. Brian Reimers

Private first class Fred M. Linck was shot in the head and walked away from the incident. The enemy round struck his Kevlar helmet, which saved his life by stopping the bullet from penetrating his head. A piece of fragmentation caused a small laceration to the Marine's forehead too small even for stitches. Linck is an infantryman with C Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5.



# Word to Pass

## Fine wine and music ‘revealed’ under the stars at Bishop Museum

Tonight, 6 to 9 p.m.  
Bishop Museum, 1525 Bernice Street  
Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for youth (4-12), Bishop Museum adult members and military personnel. Bishop Museum youth members and children under 4 years are free. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 847-8290.

Guests at the inaugural evening, themed "Jazz & Wine," will be treated to the musical talents of Rocky Brown & Friends. The Hanohano Room headliner brings along Gabe Baltazar, Abe Lagrimas, and Dean Taba to entertain visitors while they experience the Museum after hours.

Family trio Manoa DNA will perform their original contemporary compositions, refurbished and rejuvenated mix from the 70s, and energetic Hawaiian classics. While enjoying these performances, event-goers will be able to stroll through the museums exhibits and galleries, including the Science Adventure Center and the latest Castle Memorial Building exhibit "Celebrating Chinese Women: Qing Dynasty to Modern Hawaii."

Guests may also test their luck with a drawing for a brand-new, solid wood, semi-gloss finished, KoAlana 'ukulele courtesy of KoAloha Ukuleles.

The Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop as a tribute to his wife Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendant of the royal Kamehameha dynasty. Located at 1525 Bernice Street, the Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$14.95 for adults; \$11.95 for youth 4-12 years, special rates for kama'aina, seniors and military; children under 4 years and Bishop Museum Members are free.

For information, call 847-3511 or visit [www.bishopmuseum.org](http://www.bishopmuseum.org).

## 10th Annual Twilight Tattoo Concert

May 13, beginning at 4 p.m.  
Free  
On the grounds of Kuroda Field at Ft. DeRussy, downtown Honolulu, the following

bands will perform their traditional day-ending concert: Army's Tropic Lightning Band, Pacific Fleet Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific, Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band, and Hawaii's 111th Army National Guard Band.

For more information call Charlie Ota, 545-4300 ext 320.

## Fun fair at Aikahi Elementary School's unique playground

May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Free admission. Scripts are sold inside.  
Everyone is invited. Aikahi Elementary School is expecting between 2,000 and 3,000 people to come out for this year's event.

Ten years ago, the families at the school came together with a parent who was a prominent playground architect. In just a short time, the families and community of Kailua built a playground of wood and tires. Today it is the last wood and tire playground remaining in an Oahu public school. The playground committee will be selling commemorative mini fans.

Admission to the Fair is free. Items for sale will be available using scrip that can be purchased before and during the fair. Pre-sale scrip will be 5 for \$1 and will be sold today from 2 to 5 p.m. tomorrow scrip will sell 4 for \$1. There will be plenty of ono food. On the menu: Steak and cheese sandwiches, pizza, Caesar salad, hot dogs, cotton candy, chocolate dipped strawberries, and shave ice.

This year we have Oahu 's only mobile Rock climbing wall. In addition there will be an enormous inflatable obstacle course,

Petting zoo, pony rides, dunk tank, Glow-in-the-dark tag, Slammer hammer, spin art, media sale, plant sale, Hawaiian Snowballs and gas-powered remote control cars. Prizes will be given at the many game booths. Marines from 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, Kaneohe Bay, will be assisting the school for this event.

## 14th Annual Hawaiian Telcom Filipino Fiesta and Parade

May 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Free.  
This years theme is “Celebrating the

Filipino Centennial — 100 years and beyond.”

Beginning with the Centennial Charity Walk and Street Parade from Fort DeRussy, down Kalakaua Avenue.

Food booths, dance performances and exhibitions in Kapiolani Park (near the bandstand).  
For additional information, call Candice Kraughto at 551-8533.

## Annual recognition luncheon May 17, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon tickets available to the public.  
This is an opportunity to welcome home our returning heroes and recognize military community services awardees at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, 2005 Kalia Rd. Honolulu.

For information, call Charlie Ota at 545-4300, ext. 320.

## Combined military band concert

May 20, beginning at 7 p.m.  
Free and open to the public.  
Hawaii Theater, 1130 Bethel, Honolulu.  
An opportunity to hear Hawaii's top military musicians in a rare concert featuring Broadway musicals, marches, classics and pops.

For more information, call Charlie Ota at 545-4300, ext. 320.

## Grand opening at Bishop Museum

June 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bishop Museum, 1525 Bernice Street.

Entry fee is \$3 for kama'aina and military and free for Bishop Museum members and children under age 3. Bank of Hawaii customers and employees get free admission for up to 2 people when they show their Bank of Hawaii bankcard or statement

Bank of Hawaii Family Sunday celebrates the opening of "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body" at Bishop Museum. Explore why your body produces the mushy, oozy, crusty, scaly and stinky gunk it does at the opening of Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body. The

day will also be filled with fun and exciting activities, food booths, prize giveaways and contests, special planetarium shows, and great entertainment.

Kids of all ages can take a "Tour du Nose" to explore nasal features, including how your snoot acts as an air filter, smell sensor and mucus producer; play the pinball game "Gas Attack" by scoring off bumpers dressed up as food items; or climb a large-scale replica of human skin, and discover other mysterious ways your body's biology does what it needs to do to keep you healthy. Grossology is a collaboration between Science World, Advanced Exhibits, and Grossology author Sylvia Branzei.

"Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Body" is on display in the Castle Memorial Building at Bishop Museum from June 10 through August 27.

For information, call 847-3511 or visit [www.bishopmuseum.org](http://www.bishopmuseum.org).

## Shanghi Bristro Continues Popular Cooking Classes Every Month: Sign up now for May and June

Shanghai Bistro, Discovery Bay, continues its popular once-a-month series of Chinese fusion cooking classes with Chef Chih-Chieh Chang, with dates announced for May and June. Upcoming classes will be the following:

May 20  
Learn to make Okinawan sweet potato biscuits and prawns with lobster sauce.

June 17  
Chef Chang teaches the secrets of making his award-winning fruit carvings and aluminum foil decorations.

Cooking classes begin at 10 a.m. at the restaurant, 1778 Ala Moana. Registration is \$35 per person, including the all-you-can-eat brunch with everything from dim sum to Peking duck on it, with advance reservations required.

Call 955-8668 to sign up.  
Validated parking is available in the Discovery Bay Garage. Enter garage at rear of building.

# DoD employee facilitates donations to Iraq



Lance Cpl. Brian J. Holloran

Larry Murray poses with a mailbox at Al Asad, Iraq.

## Lance Cpl. Brian J. Holloran

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq — Many service members deployed to a combat zone receive wounds and injuries that require medical attention from Al Asad Surgical. Unfortunately, the doctors and nurses are forced to cut the uniforms off of these injured men and women, thereby causing them to lose one of their very limited pieces of clothing. One man wanted to help.

Larry Murray, a video storage wide-area network technician with DataPath Inc., wanted to ensure that the service members who are tended to are comfortable and are not left with nothing to wear.

"One evening I went to the base theater to catch a movie and there were a couple of Marines sitting in front of me," said Murray. "It was obvious that they had suffered combat wounds. One was on crutches the other was limping along painfully. During the National

Anthem, these two wounded troops struggled to stand at attention when they easily could have just sat there. It dawned on me that I should go by the local hospital to see if they needed anything."

The next day Murray and a co-worker, John Whitney, visited the hospital and stopped by the nurse's station. There they learned that when wounded troops are brought in, their uniforms are usually cut off.

"These injured men and women were coming in and losing the only piece of clothing they had with them," said Murray, who is also a technical sergeant for the Georgia Air National Guard. "The hospital was in immediate need of clothing supplies. (Whitney) and I also noticed there was a large television but no DVD player."

According to Murray, he and Whitney went to the post exchange to purchase clothing to stock the near empty shelves at the hospital.

"We purchased shirts and clothes to help hold the hos-

pital over until there was a more permanent solution," said Murray. "(Whitney) spent over \$150 out of his pocket that day just on movies. He also bought a lot of clothes for the service members, too."

According to Whitney, knowing that service members needed help touched him and made him want to donate.

"(Murray's) story of the Marines in the base theater made me realize that I had not done enough to help out," said Whitney, a satellite engineer assigned to 4th Infantry Division, Camp Liberty, Iraq. "These Marines are young. A lot of them are far from home for the first time. They are here willingly, risking their lives to help out. If this is not a worthy cause, then what is?"

Murray then contacted friends and family in the United States and asked them for assistance. He also asked his guard unit to help in stocking the shelves at Al Asad Surgical.

"We heard about the demand through Lee Carson, one of our commer-

cial sales managers, who is in the Georgia Air National Guard with Larry Murray," said Stephanie Plumecocq, advertising manager for Glock, a pistol manufacturer. "After (Carson) approached our vice presidents with the idea to donate, I received an e-mail saying to do whatever is necessary to help out and to send whatever they need."

Glock donated T-shirts and coffee mugs to make the service members here more comfortable. They also paid to mail 12 large boxes filled with items collected from the employees of Glock and their families.

Murray did not just look to high-end businesses for assistance. He also called some of his friends.

"(Murray) began to send requests and pleas to support our forward deployed troops and the base hospital at Al Asad," said John M. Cowart, treasurer for U.S. Military Veterans Motorcycle Club, Atlanta Chapter. "We were all compelled to help. We are all prior service, so we know how hard it is being away

from everything and being injured on top of it. We had to help."

Other organizations were just as enthusiastic to donate to the cause.

Murray was able to get many different companies and organizations together to help fulfill the needs of Al Asad Surgical. Organizations like Woodstock Middle School, Boy Scout troops, motorcycle dealerships and motorcycle bars donated something to assist the service members deployed to the Al Anbar Province. The items received also varied. Wounded service members received books, clothing, home baked goods, hygiene gear, stuffed animals, movies, and other snacks and supplies.

Minutes before traveling home after a 12-month tour with DataPath, Murray said, "I'm not sure how many people I have helped, but if it made one wounded person smile for a minute and let them know that they are appreciated, it was certainly worth the efforts of all the people back home."

# ON THE MENU

## AT ANDERSON HALL

### Today

#### Lunch

Baked ham  
Chili macaroni  
Candied sweet potatoes  
Grilled cheese sandwich  
French fried okra  
Cauliflower au gratin  
Bread pudding  
Peanut butter cookies  
Fruit pie

### Hot dog specialty bar

Hot Italian sausage  
Grilled Polish sausage  
Grilled frankfurters  
Chili  
Baked knockwurst with sauerkraut

#### Dinner

Baked stuffed pork chops  
Turkey pot pie  
Calico corn  
Simmered peas and carrots  
Steamed rice  
Mashed potatoes  
Sweet potato pie  
Bread pudding  
Peanut butter cookies  
Fruit pie

### Saturday

#### Lunch

Cantonese spareribs  
Baked tuna and noodles  
Shrimp fried rice  
Corn on the cob  
Corn bread dressing  
Pineapple upside down cake

### Taco specialty bar

Chili con carne  
Tacos  
Burritos  
Spanish rice  
Refried beans  
Mexican corn  
Taco shells  
Flour tortillas

#### Dinner

Swedish meatballs  
Caribbean chicken  
Steamed rice  
O'brien potatoes  
Simmered brussels sprouts  
Simmered summer squash  
Pineapple upside down cake  
Fruit pie

### Sunday

#### Lunch

Pepper steak  
Southern fried catfish  
Rice pilaf  
Potatoes au gratin  
Glazed carrots  
Simmered black-eyed peas  
Sugar cookies  
Fruit pie

### Pasta specialty bar

Three variations of pasta  
Meat sauce  
Alfredo sauce  
Garlic bread  
Pizza

#### Dinner

Roast turkey

Beef pot pie  
Mashed potatoes  
Buttered egg noodles  
Simmered broccoli  
Savory bread dressing  
Sugar cookies  
Fruit pie

### Monday

#### Dinner

Baked lasagna  
Chicken parmesan  
Spaghetti noodles  
Marinara sauce  
Simmered peas and carrots  
Pizza slices  
Garlic bread  
Marble cake  
Fruit pie

### Tuesday

#### Dinner

Barbeque beef cubes  
Baked turkey and noodles  
Steamed rice  
Creole green beans  
Simmered cabbage  
Ginger molasses cookies  
Spice cake

### Wednesday

#### Lunch

Meat loaf  
Pork ham roast  
Steamed rice  
Mashed potatoes  
French fried cauliflower  
Chocolate chip cookies  
Fruit pie

### Pasta specialty bar

Three variations of pasta  
Marinara sauce  
Meat sauce  
Garlic bread  
Pizza

#### Dinner

Beef brogul  
Fresh baked cajun fish  
Mashed potatoes  
Rice pilaf  
Club spinach  
Chocolate chip cookies  
Fruit pie

### Thursday

#### Lunch

Simmered corned beef  
Honey glazed Cornish hens  
Parsley buttered potatoes  
Fried cabbage  
Egg noodles  
Peanut butter cake

### Taco specialty bar

Chili con carne  
Tacos  
Burritos  
Spanish rice  
Refried beans

#### Dinner

Turkey pot pie  
Sweet & sour pork  
Steamed rice  
Jefferson noodles  
Simmered pinto beans  
Chow Mein noodles  
Peanut butter cake

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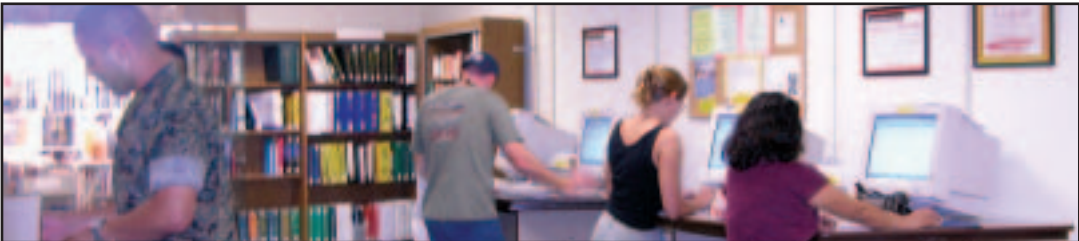


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# Mounted gunners seeing clearer thanks new turrets



Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

Lance Cpl. Trevor A. Chapman, a 20-year-old from Norwich, Conn, and Lance Cpl. Antonio Mendoza, a 20-year-old from Los Angeles, mount a M-2 .50-caliber machine gun in the new Marine Corps Armored Turret System that Regimental Combat Team 5 is installing on their 7-ton trucks. The new armor increases protection and allows for greater visibility with ballistic glass.

## Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

1st Marine Division

**CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq** — Duty in the turret of Regimental Combat Team 5's 7-ton trucks, just got clearer with new ballistic glass and steel encased firing positions.

The new turrets, called Marine Corps Armored Turret Systems, are being installed on 7-ton trucks, the first in an upgrade to give gunners greater visibility and beefed-up protection for convoy operations.

"The advantage of these turrets is the protection it provides the gunner," said Master Sgt. Adam Lyttle, the 42-year-old Motor Transport chief for the regiment. "The most noticeable change is the ballistic glass. They also have higher turrets and they traverse a lot easier."

Ballistic shields replaced steel plates in front of the gunner's position and side ballistic glass allows Marines to scan from side to side without having to expose themselves to fire. It's an important feature. Until now, Marines had to crouch down behind their guns.

"The gunner can stay higher on the guns now," Lyttle explained. "Their field of view is a whole lot better. The gunner plays a major part on all convoys."

Higher blast protection and windows that will deflect gunfire and shrapnel now allows gunners to perform duties with a greater degree of confidence. Marines aren't just gripping 50-caliber machine guns behind the ballistic shields. They're on the lookout for improvised explosive devices – or roadside bombs.

"I feel a lot safer," said Cpl. Jose M. Ramirez, a 22-year-old from Lemoore, Calif., assigned to RCT-5's motor transport platoon. "Before I was afraid of standing up. Now, there's no fear to get up and peek at something suspicious."

Ramirez is one of the few gunners in the regiment's motor transport platoon who has already conducted several missions, riding in the new turret. He said it

has a lot more room, space to keep his rifle and other tools handy and best of all, better protection.

"It's a blessing from the gods to get these here," Ramirez said. "They're a lot better. This is a big improvement. Everybody likes these."

Lyttle said the turrets are being added as fast as they arrive in theater, with help from 1st Marine Logistics Group's, Combat Logistics Battalion-5. It's not just the regimental headquarters getting the new turrets. Each battalion is getting outfitted as well.

"The hope is before the month is out, we'll have new turrets on every truck," Lyttle said.

Lance Cpl. Trevor A Chapman, a 20-year-old from Norwich, Conn., has also ridden a couple of missions in the new turret and said Marines have a lot in which to look forward.

"I figured it would be good with having the windows on each side," said Chapman, assigned to RCT-5 Motor Transport Platoon. "I felt a lot safer. The armor goes all the way around."

Chapman explained the old turrets had gaps that left him feeling exposed to hazards. Now, he's completely encased in a turret system that allows him to see more and move quicker.

"It's a lot easier to use," Chapman explained. "You don't have to swivel as far because of the windows. That makes the gunner's job easier because he can react faster."

Lyttle witnessed the change the Marine Corps has made over the past several years with armoring. Initially, gunners were exposed with nothing protecting them but helmets and flak vests. Then barrel-style turrets were installed and now, the angular turret with ballistic glass has taken force protection to a new level.

"The Marines are pretty pleased," he said. "They were excited about getting them. The Marines are eager to ride in anything, but you see these big improvements ... it built their confidence up, big time."

# Iraqi recruits line up to join their Army

## Story and photos by Cpl. Mark Sixbey

Regimental Combat Team 5

**FERRIS, Iraq** — Dozens of Iraqi men waited outside an Iraqi Police station here at the break of dawn to enlist and serve their country, May 8.

Marines from I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, provided logistical and security support during an Iraqi Army recruiting drive. It was overseen by Iraqi policemen. It was part of a recruiting drive to bring Iraqis from the outskirts of Fallujah to the Iraqi Army. A similar drive held nearly two months ago inside Fallujah brought in more than 800 men.

Lance Cpl. Michael Betancourt, an infantryman with I Company, watched from the observation tower as the recruits lined up outside.

"The turnout looks pretty decent," said 21-year-old Betancourt, from Chicago. "There are quite a few recruits out there."

Marines remained on the fringes, for the most part. This was an Iraqi-led effort between Iraqi Army recruiting teams and

Iraqi police assisting in screening.

"Our role pretty much is to provide security for the IP's as they do the screening, then provide transportation for the IA recruits," said 2nd Lt. Chuck Miller, 1st Platoon commander, I Company.

The 29-year-old from McKinney, Texas, oversaw the event as the new recruits lined up in groups of 20 before boarding 7-ton trucks dispatched by the battalion's headquarters.

"We're close to 70 right now, and should be close to a hundred by close of business this morning," Miller said after an hour of watching the recruits file into the compound one by one.

The Marines transported 95 Iraqi Army recruits to the nearby training facility where they were sworn in to defend their country.

Betancourt said the turnout was a good sign for the future of Iraq's Army.

"It's a good turnaround for the city," he said. "When we leave, they'll have enough to keep this place secure."

Marines took heart in the willingness of Iraqi men to step forward and protect their neigh-

bors.

"I'm pretty excited to see all these young Iraqi men join the Iraqi Army so they can improve their country," said Staff Sgt. David Joseph Morisset Jr., platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon. "I'm proud of them."

The 28-year-old from Princeton, Minn., said the recruits were ready to follow orders without question as he ushered them toward their future.

"They stand in line, then I tell them to follow me and get in the vehicles, then once they get in there, I have water for them so they can stay hydrated," he said. "We're pretty much taking care of them so I can show them the Americans are helping them out. It's a good group of civilians that are joining."

When asked why they are joining, two Iraqi recruits gave the same response. It was similar to answers Marines themselves might give if asked about their decision to join the military. They explained they wanted to serve their country in hopes of building a peaceful Iraq.

"It's a good idea," said Lance Cpl. Willie Burpl, a 22-year-old infantryman from Birmingham, Ala. "It gets the people involved as far as doing something for their government and doing something for their country."

The recruiting drive is taking place at several locations across the Al Anbar Province.



Iraqi Army recruits line up and climb inside Marine Corps 7-ton trucks at Ferris, Iraq, May 8.



Iraqi Army recruits wait in line in Ferris, Iraq, May 8. A three-hour recruiting drive at the Iraqi Police station in Ferris, south of Fallujah, attracted 95 Iraqi men, who Marines transported to the Iraqi Army training facility near Fallujah.



Staff Sgt. David Joseph Morisset Jr., from Princeton, Minn., a platoon sergeant for Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, watches over a group of Iraqi Army recruits at Ferris, Iraq, May 8.